

**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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**CLAIM FOR PRIORITY**

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Sir:

The present Reissue Application is based on U.S. Patent No. 6,368,081, which issued from U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/603,973 filed June 26, 2000.

The benefit of the filing dates of the following prior foreign applications filed in the following foreign country is hereby requested for the above-identified reissue patent application, and the priority provided in 35 U.S.C. §119 is hereby claimed:

Japanese Patent Application No. 11-329598 filed November 19, 1999.

In support of this claim, a certified copy of said original foreign applications was filed in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/603,973.

It is requested that the file of this application be marked to indicate that the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §119 have been fulfilled and that the Patent and Trademark Office kindly acknowledge receipt of this document.

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